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A desperate lunge by Prague skipper Scheinflug somehow epitomises their struggle last week when despite their seeming superiority they lost 0-1 to Yugal — their first defeat at Marks Field this year.

YUGAL WITHIN STRIKING DISTANCE OF 'TOP FOUR'

Hakoah and Pan Hellenic consolidated their respective first and second placings last weekend when none of their immediate pursuers could manage a win.

Each enjoys a three-point lead and Hakoah are now six points ahead of Prague, who still cling on to third place despite their defeat to Yugal.

Yugal were the big beneficiaries of last weekend's results.

They jumped to within two

points of the fourth place and are now challenging for the semifinals.

Polonia, despite two consecutive losses, are still in the thick of the fight for the semis, but have slipped to fifth position. APIA overtaking them on goal-average.

The middle of the table is cluttered with teams which haven't given up the chase for a berth in the semis.

Croatia, South Coast and St. George, though none of them won last week, still retain an interest, but none of this trio can afford to drop

too many points in coming weeks.

Canterbury, as we predicted, handed the wooden-spoon back to Manly, but the relegation issue is still very much alive, though Melita Eagles appear to have saved themselves permanently.

Big exodus to Argentina?

APIA's recently arrived Argentinian colony may disappear soon.

Two of the five amigos, Bregante and Tedesco, have already returned home to Argentina.

Some of the others are re-

portedly anxious to follow them soon.

APIA officials, however, deny this.

They say Bregante and Te-

desco left for home because they were homesick and the others "will stay".

In order to get the five players, APIA earlier this year sent over Mike Mazzina, then their coach, to Argentina.

Then all six flew back from Buenos Aires, each ticket costing about \$960.

The whole deal was financed out of the \$8000 transfer fee APIA had collected for Watkiss from Hakoah.

Meanwhile, John Watkiss has played only a few games for Hakoah, being out with a serious injury for the first half of the season.

— PAUL DEAN

NEW DEAL IS NEEDED

WANTED: New ideas to implement new methods to create a new type of soccer. Please deliver them to any club willing to listen.

This kind of advertisement should be the logical sequence to the fiasco of the NSW State team against Cardiff.

It was a fiasco not only because we failed to beat them but because they again showed us all our terrible shortcomings.

Paul Dean writes about these in detail on page 3.

Next week he will offer positive suggestions how to change our attitudes, policies and methods in the running of teams which, after all, can make or break a State team.

Winning lead for Marnoch?

Vic Reynolds' temporary loss of form and Dzislach's expulsion last Sunday have enabled Allan Marnoch to shoot to what appears to be an unassailable lead in the SOCCER WORLD-FLORIDA LAURO Players' Competition.

The Hakoah skipper's lead is such that only a catastrophic lapse of form or a broken leg can stop him from winning first prize — a six-day cruise to New Zealand on one of the two luxury Flotta Lauro liners, "Achille Lauro" or "Angelina Lauro".

The leading field in the competition has narrowed down to nine players, all of whom have averaged four points or more in the 13 First Division matches played to date.

This is how they stand with nine matches to go:

Marnoch (Hakoah)	4.53
Banicevic (Yugal)	4.15
Reynolds (Croatia)	4.09
D. Yaager (Hakoah)	4.08
Schaefer (St. George)	4.07
J. Alagich (Yugal)	4.00
De Bruin (Melita)	4.00
Rafanelli (Yugal)	4.00
Scheinflug (Prague)	4.00

Special issue on July 12

July 4 is the American Day of Independence; we know that.

July 14 is France's Bastille Day; we know that, too.

But what the heck is July 12? Maybe you don't know that. So we'll tell you.

It's our birthday. Next week SOCCER WORLD will be 10 years old.

Precisely 10 years ago to the day, on July 12, our first issue appeared in Sydney; a modest, rather conservative looking six-pager.

Now, to celebrate the occasion, we decided to throw a party. And we do it next week.

The party will take the form of a special, 20-page edition, the largest we have ever published — and the largest newspaper issue of any football code in Australia.

In this birthday issue you will have a truly unparalleled amount of reading matter.

A glance-back over the past 10 years; an angle on players, teams, coaches, referees and outstanding events.

We have selected the team of this period and we have compiled a host of outstanding features.

You can't and shouldn't miss it. Please make sure of that.

Although we are printing a few thousand extra copies, the demand will be very big so don't leave it to the last minute. Get it the moment you see it.

P.S.: We forgot to mention but you might like to know: the price of this edition is unchanged. Only 15 cents, as usual, for 20 fantastic pages.

NSW Federation First Division

TEAM	AGGREGATE							HOME							AWAY							NEXT OPPONENT	
	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	P	W	D	L	F	A	P	* HOME MATCH	
Hakoah	13	9	4	—	27	9	22	6	5	1	—	15	5	11	7	4	3	—	12	4	11	South Coast U.	
Pan Hellenic	13	9	1	3	25	12	19	7	6	—	1	17	7	12	6	3	1	2	8	5	7	Polonia *	
Prague	13	7	2	4	28	19	16	5	4	1	—	12	1	9	8	3	1	4	16	18	7	St. George *	
APIA	13	5	5	3	23	19	15	5	3	1	1	10	6	7	8	2	4	2	13	13	8	Canterbury *	
Polonia	13	6	3	4	19	17	15	8	3	2	3	12	13	8	5	3	1	1	7	4	7	Pan Hellenic	
Yugal	13	5	3	5	18	20	13	8	3	3	2	10	9	9	5	2	—	3	8	11	4	Melita Eagles	
South Coast U.	13	4	4	5	25	17	12	6	4	—	2	20	7	8	7	—	4	3	5	10	4	Hakoah *	
Croatia	13	5	2	6	19	24	12	6	2	2	2	8	9	6	7	3	—	4	11	15	6	Manly	
St. George	13	4	3	6	13	17	11	8	2	2	4	7	13	6	5	2	1	2	6	4	5	Prague	
Melita Eagles	13	3	4	6	12	18	10	6	—	4	2	7	10	4	7	3	—	4	5	8	6	Yugal *	
Canterbury	13	2	2	9	14	36	6	6	2	1	3	8	12	5	7	—	1	6	6	24	1	APIA	
Manly	13	1	3	9	15	30	5	8	—	1	7	5	17	1	5	1	2	2	10	13	4	Croatia *	

NSW TEAMS GRAVEYARD OF LOCAL REPUTATIONS

— By PAUL DEAN —

One hesitates to write about the moral of the Cardiff City tour, for two equally important reasons.

The first is that, by and large, we have said many times what we are about to say — and nothing has happened.

People in power either don't understand that our soccer is pre-historic or, if they do understand, are totally helpless to change it.

The second reason that discourages any serious debate is the increasing tendency in the "popular press" to present these internationalists in the cheap, gimmicky fashion of roller-game publicity.

The "we'll show them" and "we'll murder them" and "we're the better team" kind of idiocy that one had to witness before the recent Cardiff encounters was unworthy of our great game.

I know what the excuse will be: this type of press presentation gets the crowd; they want a grudge match, blood and guts.

But we didn't get the crowds and of the pitiful 5,000-odd shivering at the Sportsground I'd say at least 500 were non-paying customers, including me and my blood-and-guts colleagues.

OLD MYTH

That much for the value of this tag-wrestle kind of reportage. I hope the lesson will be well taken.

Now, for Cardiff. Only the most incredibly biased and parochial would deny that in both their matches Cardiff City were superior to our sides.

They were a football team; ours weren't. They at least tried to move like a unit; in ours the 11 players acted almost completely independently of the others.

And that's sad. Sad, because even this very modest Cardiff City team, without one truly outstanding player, has once again revealed our terrible weaknesses.

These are not new, mind you. Each and every year a NSW team is selected and hopefully fielded and each year it fails.

This will go on for ever, against all sorts of extremely modest opposition, unless we change our ways.

The old myth that our best is equal to English Second Division stuff must be critically revised; Cardiff City are near the bottom of that Division.

WRONG ATTITUDE

Perhaps we should come down to Third Division in our comparison, maybe even Fourth or, as some British migrants claim, right down to the Southern or Midland League status.

As Professor Julius Sumner Miller would ask, why is this so?

Some people try to oversimplify the matter and exclaim that "they're professionals, we're not."

There is a great deal of truth in this — but not the whole truth.

After all, the Danes, Finns, Norwegians, Swedes, Dutch and even the Swedes are also only part-time professionals, by and large — yet they play infinitely better class football.

So this can't be the only explanation.

I am convinced that it's our attitude to football and

the running of clubs and teams that is at fault, not so much the lack of talent.

You can have a reasonably high standard of football with part-time professionalism, even with pure amateurism — if you go about it the right way. And we don't.

Which never stops to amaze me, really.

The change, the fresh breeze must come from the clubs — there's no two ways about it.

It is foolish to expect a NSW team to play classy, modern, fast, intelligent football when the individual players in their club teams play something which is antiquated, slow, stereotyped and dull.

MYSTERY

Why the same players, in a State jersey, should be transfigured into inspired geniuses finding each other with telepathic accuracy, is a mystery.

The only time this happens to some degree at least is when an Australian team is kept together for a period and plays a series of matches.

Towards the end they always begin to click and perform 100 percent above their ordinary level.

But the significance of this somehow manages to escape our officials.

No NSW team is ever given the same chance — and consequently, no NSW team will ever play really well.

Oh yes, we can play de-

fensively — but that's the easier of the two tasks. What is hard is to build up a style and an attacking pattern, a quintet that can create and either follow a method or extemporise, as the need may be.

But that comes only with practice — a lot of it.

Until that is achieved, NSW teams will be the graveyards of established or budding reputations.

It makes little difference who plays at inside-left or outside right; all the tremendous fuss over team selection is a waste of nervous energy.

What would make a big difference would be if the team was really moulded into a solid unit, through weeks of training; but that's too much bother and nobody seems to care enough to worry about it.

So we'll just keep on playing, year after tedious year, a State team against all-comers; we'll keep failing, then lamenting our misfortunes, vaguely talking about the lessons to be learned — but forgetting to learn them.

Have we made any progress in this regard over the years? I fear not.

DIFFERENT CLASS

Once or twice a year a visiting team shows us up in a truly bad light; we stand in awe, admiring their speed, stamina and fluent teamwork and fleetingly realise that they represent a different class.

But when they go home,

our domestic championship resume and after a few weeks, seeing two equally unfit, unco-ordinated teams battling it out on the field, things don't look nearly as bleak as they do now.

The "popular press" or at least part of it is disastrously guilty in this respect.

Instead of intelligently analysing the reasons why we keep failing, they find the most stunning, primitive excuses: "we gave away a goal" or "let them equalise" or "so-and-so missed a scoring chance."

The real reason—that we are outclassed — is conveniently overlooked by them probably out of the mistaken consideration that if they admit this, they commit some kind of treason.

Equally beside the point are those complaints that "Cardiff isn't a classy team" and that the "ASF shouldn't have invited them."

If Cardiff aren't a classy side — which they probably aren't — doesn't that make us look even worse?

There are plenty of lessons to be learned from the latest State team fiasco — but one wonders if anyone will even care to spell them out, let alone memorise them?

In a couple of weeks everyone will feel that things are okay again and wonder what the fuss was all about.

Until next year, of course, when we get another real football team which hands out a fresh lesson and everything starts from scratch.

English newsletter

Fresh faces likely in Ramsey's XI

— From DEREK HILL in London —

Arise, Sir Alfred — or, in other words, get up your backside Ramsey and start thinking; this is the new mood of English fans after the European Championships which produced only a very modest third place for England.

The World Cup in Mexico is only two years away — and now it's obvious that Ramsey must rebuild. Whatever hopes he might have had to retain his 1966 champion side, must have been shattered in the lovely Stadio Comunale of Florence.

So rebuild he must. But how drastically, how deeply should he cut with the surgeon's knife?

Most English critics feel that the operation has to be radical in order to be successful.

Reorganised

Gordon Banks, while still immensely effective in goal, could survive until 1970 though young upstarts such as Bonetti of Chelsea and Stepney of Manchester United are putting in their claims.

The defence is certain to be vastly reorganised. Both George Cohen and Ray Wilson are getting prone to lengthy injuries and are losing their speed.

The same goes for stopper Jackie Charlton. So these three will probably have to go.

But Ramsey is lucky in that he has quite a number of very capable, experienced young defenders ready to take over.

Keith Newton, Cyril Knowles and David Sadler look the best bets now for their places especially as Brian Labone, the tall Everton stopper is adamant that he will retire next year, rather prematurely at that.

At the wing half positions Ramsey's problems are also acute.

Bobby Moore may or may not last until 1970 and Nobby Stiles may not fit into a different pattern that demands more ball-playing abilities.

Tottenham's Alan Mullery has been tried at half with some success but his temperament is suspect, having been sent off twice this season, including against Yugoslavia.

And if there's one thing Ramsey can't stand it's a man in his team who loses his head.

If Mullery is bypassed, Ramsey can still choose from a few hard, durable and gifted wing halves such as Smith (Liverpool), Hunter (Leeds), Hollins, Harris and Boyle (Chelsea), Harvey, Hurst and Kendall (Everton).

Few headaches

Finally, the forwards. Here the big question is whether Bobby Charlton, 32 by the time of the World Cup, can still find the energy to play his usual roving game.

If he can and does, he is certain to be again in Ramsey's party perhaps as a playmaker rather than scorer.

Peters of West Ham is young enough to feel confident of the trip to Mexico and so is Alan Ball of Everton.

Geoff Hurst, the only England forward who can turn half chances into goals, would be another certainty — if he regained his old form and could be sure to have a few injury-free months.

But Ramsey shouldn't have too many headaches with the forwards.

One putting in a strong claim will be Chelsea's tall, elegant Peter Osgood, 20, who may yet turn out to be England's greatest forward talent.

Another one with a chance is Manchester City's blond bombshell, Colin Bell and his team-mate, Mike Summerbee.

And then you have Allan Clarke, recently transferred from Fulham to Leicester for about £150,000; Tottenham's new striker Martin Chivers, Chelsea's Alan Birchenhall, Leeds' Mike Jones, the Everton pair Joe Royle and Jimmy Husband and Manchester United's prodigy, Brian Kidd.

So Ramsey can't say that he had nothing to choose from: English clubs are bubbling with fresh talent, more than ever before.

All Sir Alf has to do is to decide how to freshen up his team and when.

Most of us here feel that the job ought to start without delay.

Cardiff's stamina buried our hopes

— By LOU GAUTIER —

"The team that died in 15 minutes" would aptly describe the NSW side which was beaten 3-1 by Cardiff City at the Sydney Sportsground last Wednesday week.

Already showing signs of distress after the first hour was up, NSW floundered after Clark's first goal in the 78th minute, and in the last 10 minutes were mercilessly overwhelmed by the superbly conditioned Welshmen.

One had the inescapable feeling that had the match lasted another 10 minutes, more goals would have fallen, such was Cardiff's superiority in the dying stages.

The NSW players need not feel disgraced.

They played better than in the first match, especially in the first half when the attack functioned adequately.

Though inferior in collective thought, the locals didn't pale too much in comparison with their professional opponents while their condition lasted.

UNIMPRESSIVE

There was never a wide gap in individual ability between the two sides, with the exception of Cardiff's right winger, Barrie Jones, whose display at times was reminiscent of George Best.

Otherwise, most NSW players were no better, or worse than the visitors.

Until their stamina gave

out, NSW were very much in the game.

Though pressed, and never really in control, NSW gave the impression until the 60th minute that they could hold out for a 1-1 draw, and even perhaps poach a winning goal.

For the first hour Cardiff looked even more unimpressive than at the Showground.

Their defence, especially stopper Murray, was shaky, and their shooting poor even by Sydney standards.

GOOD START

The first 10 minutes were NSW's and they deserved to take the lead through a typically determined effort by Brian Smith.

In the early stages, using Blitz's wing to good advantage, NSW combined better than they have done for some time in attack.

Even when Cardiff's Lea equalised in the 14th minute — a "silly", unnecessary goal if ever there was one — the hopes of the NSW supporters, really behind their team last Wednesday week, were still intact.

And when the teams left the field, after an interesting, evenly contested first half, it was still anybody's game.

Things started to look less promising for NSW almost straight from the kick-off when it became increasingly apparent that the zing had gone out of our forwards who were unable to hold on to the ball or mount any more concentrated attacks.

INEVITABLE

This resulted in greater strain on the defence which became more and more ragged as the second half ticked off.

The Sydney defenders could no longer think about "constructive destruction", so to speak. They were far too busy clearing the ball anywhere, the further the better.

Having abandoned the mid-field, to pack their 18 yards, it came as no surprise to see the Cardiff players, until then very ordinary-looking indeed, bobbing up everywhere to launch an almost uninterrupted offensive on Corry's goal.

The inevitable happened in the 78th minute when Clark scored with a great snap-shot right on the edge of the penalty area.

The goal, though it crushed NSW's hopes, didn't come out of the blue: it had been

"cooking" for about 20 minutes.

The rest of the match — and Cardiff's third goal — was a mere formality, with the demoralized and leg-weary NSW probably relieved to hear the final whistle blown by referee Parsons.

NSW, as we said in the beginning, were not disgraced.

VICTIMS

The players were the victims of our archaic institutions and did all that can be realistically expected from part-timers against honest, workmanlike professionals.

Details:

NSW: Corry; Johnston, Ackerley; Schaefer, Marnoch, Westwater; Blitz, Smith, Scheinflug, Baartz (Watkins), Armytage.

Cardiff City: Davies; Carver, Ferguson; Dean, Murray, Harris; Jones, Lea, King, B. Clark, Bird.

Scorers: Smith 4 min. for NSW; Lea 14 min., B. Clark 78 and 84 mins. for Cardiff City.

Referee: H. Parsons.

Crowd: 5,800.

FLOTTA LAURO

SYDNEY RESULTS AND DETAILS

RESULTS & SCORERS

HOW THEY LINED UP

SUMMING UP THE MATCHES

COACHES COMMENT

Yugal

1 (1)
Volar 43 min.

Prague

0 (0)

Canterbury

1 (1)
Massi 27 min.

Sth. Coast

1 (0)
Alston 83 min.

Hakoah

3 (2)
Baartz 8 min., Watkiss 40 min., Yaager 77 min.

Croatia

0 (0)

Manly

0 (0)

P. Hellenic

1 (1)
Petrou 12 min.

Polonia

1 (1)
Povey 17 min.

Melita E.

2 (2)
Thorne 2 and 6 mins.

St. George

1 (0)
Harris 56 min.

A.P.I.A.

1 (1)
Campana 43 min.

Ljubic 5; Pacanin 3 (Bobic 2), Crnic 5, Lang 5, Banicevic 5, Rafaneli 3; J. Alagich 3, Halpin 3, Edwards 2, Volar 3.

TOTAL: 40

Coach: F. Dunaj

King 4; Harcombe 4, Tracey 4; Blacker 4, Zeman 5, Blanco 2; Gauto 3, G. Manuel 2, Scheinflug 3, Hoggart 4, Armytage 3.

TOTAL: 38

Coach: J. Venglos

Demopoulos 5; Whitehead 4, Hardie 4; Stridelis 2, Taylor 3, Galbraith 4; Rinos 2, Kauz 3, Hood 3, Massi 3, Ninaus 4.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: H. Ninaus.

Astill 3; Barnes 4, Ringland 4; Anderson 3, Carr 3, Davies 4; Alston 4, McGarry 4, Tolson 3, Freeme 3, Paterson 2 (Strachan 4).

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Kelly.

Fuzes 3; Stewart 3, Hillsdon 4; Watkiss 5, Marnoch 5, D. Yaager 5; Edmunds 3, Fekete 3, Barnett 3, Baartz 5, Jones 3.

TOTAL: 42

Coach: D. Holden.

Corry 3; Lincoln 5, Sloan 4; Clarke 3, Shepherd 3, Wright 4; Reynolds 3, Page 2, Giles 4, R. Cush 3, F. Cush 2.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: W. Vrolyks.

Tuinman 3; McGrath 3, Brooks 3; Jones 4, Campbell 4, Jagger 4; Nutt 3, Hughes 2, Harris 2 (Maloney 3), Verrills 3, Waller 3.

TOTAL: 34

Coach: D. Adrigan

Clarke 3; Johnston 3, Hignett 3; McCulloch 3, Mallard 3, Westwater 4; Karyannis 3, Petrou 3, Blitz 3, Smith 3, Henson 3 (replaced Kakakios 24th minute).

TOTAL: 34

Coach: W. Tamandl

Drewniak 4; Filok 4, Skiba 3; Adamson 3, Dzialach (sent off), Komoder 3; Povey 4, Minol 4, Kulak (sent off), Krawiarz 4, Calphy 3.

TOTAL: 32

Coach: G. Azzopardi

Eaton 3; Woods 4, De Bruin 3; Robinson 5, Hewlett 3, Duffy 3; Azzopardi 3, Smith 3, Goldie 4, Thorne 3, Wollowczyk 3.

TOTAL: 37

Coach: J. Vlasits.

Haffey 5; Nuttall 4, Hillary 4; Schaefer 4, Morgan 4, Zuckerman 3; Harris 2, Cliss 3, Warren 2, Sandell 2, McCue 3.

TOTAL: 36

Coach: G. Polgar.

Taylor 3; Van Blerk 3, Ackerley 3; Hughes 4, Sambrook 4, Di Lonardo 3; McKinnon 3, Campana 4, Giacometti 3, Bottalico 4, Sileoni 3 (Keddie 3).

TOTAL: 37

Coach: A. Iglesias.

Match rating: * * *

An extraordinary match. Prague were continually on the attack, Yugal had only three shots at goal, yet deserved to win! Prague have only themselves to blame for losing. They had enough chances in the first half to have clinched the two points long before Volar's surprise goal. Despite magnificent goalkeeping by Ljubic, who pulled off some miraculous saves, Prague could have scored if they had shown anything like their usual form. Yugal did not usurp their win though they were starved of the ball for long periods. They played to a well conceived plan, packing their defence with tall men and relying on rare, but always dangerous breakaways. Ljubic, Crnic, Lang and Banicevic rose to great heights and it was justice they ended up in the winning side.

Crowd: 1,780.

Referee: A. Boskovic.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

A goal seven minutes from the end by winger Adrian Alston gave South Coast a point they hardly deserved. The match was scrappy and unexciting — barring one incident — but the Berries, on the day were the better and more constructive side. A four-minute comical episode just before half-time, which involved the referee and players from both sides protesting strongly, nearly caused an upheaval. After Canterbury fullback Hardie handled in the penalty area, referee Peter Rampley pointed to the spot and while the Coast had three stabs at it unsuccessfully, Demopoulos gave a display of acrobatics between — and outside the posts — without murmuring one word of protest, his fiery temper well under control. These few minutes created chaos, but also provided the only entertainment of a dull match.

Crowd: 800.

Referee: P. Rampley.

— CHARLES SPITERI

Match rating: * * * *

Hakoah won in a canter and were never even remotely in danger of defeat. There was an aura of invincibility about them throughout, even when they chose to defend — rather surprisingly — for a spell in the second half. With Watkiss and Baartz asserting their form of old, Hakoah took the initiative from the kick-off, never to relinquish it. In the last 15 minutes they really opened up and turned on some glorious football, possibly their best this season. Croatia were unusually shaky in defence, with the exception of Lincoln. Their attack, apart from the hard-working Giles, was non-existent against Sydney's best defence.

Crowd: 2,500.

Referee: H. Parsons.

— LOU GAUTIER

Match rating: * * *

A very jaded Pan Hellenic were lucky to win both points. Lethargic and sluggish, they were content to hang on to an early lead instead of going for goals as they did the previous week against Croatia. Pan Hellenic, however, deserved their first half lead. The second half saw Manly back in the picture, pressing hard for the equaliser. Pan Hellenic packed their defence and hung on to their narrow lead for dear life. Manly came close to scoring on a few occasions, but Clarke's goal had a charmed life. The largest crowd of the season at Graham Reserve went home unhappy with the poor passing and scrappy play prominent throughout a match which had plenty of atmosphere, but little else.

Crowd: 4,393.

Referee: G. Naylor.

— EDDIE EVANS

Match rating: * * *

This game Polonia just could not have lost had they retained a full team, instead of having valuable men like Dzialach and Kulak in the dressing room after the first 13 minutes. Dzialach was off for dissenting after a fiery encounter with referee Arthur Brown, and Kulak soon joined him. Strangely enough, their departure left Melita the more chastened side. Melita's much vaunted defence was hard put to contain a Polonia forward line which was often made up of Povey on the ball, with Krawiarz ready for a characteristic dash, and Minol in support. In fact, had not Dick Robinson played a commanding midfield role, the result might have been reversed. Numbers told towards the end, and Melita pastered Polonia's goal, without drawing further blood.

Crowd: 1,980.

Referee: A.R. Brown.

— KEITH GILMOUR

Match rating: * * *

As a Saints supporter remarked at the final whistle, "A fair result but APIA were two goals better." Over the full 90 minutes APIA were really the better team yet it is doubtful if they deserved to win. In the first half they squandered enough chances to deliver a KO though admittedly Haffey was at his Celtic best. After the Saints' surprising equaliser, the game evened out but even then it was APIA which played the more fluid football and created the better scoring opportunities.

Crowd: 4,000.

Referee: N. Campbell.

— PAUL DEAN

Ferdo Dunaj: "An even match because both teams play a very similar game. Prague may have had more chances, but it was my plan to operate mainly from breakaways, leaving them the mid-field. Though it was close, I feel we deserved to win."

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Joe Venglos: "Before Yugal opened the scoring we had enough chances to clinch the two points. In the second half Yugal packed their defence and held out well. The standard of the match was disappointing."

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Herbert Ninaus: "We should have won. We played the better football. I'm very confident we'll escape relegation."

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Jim Kelly: "The best men on the field were the referee and the Canterbury goalkeeper. That's all I can say."

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Doug Holden: "Hakoah never looked like losing. I knew it was all over after Baartz's goal in the eighth minute. I was delighted with the football the lads produced in the last 20 minutes or so."

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Bill Vrolyks: "Hakoah were too good. It's no disgrace to lose against such a fine team. We missed Curry in defence."

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Walter Tamandl: "We were lucky to win. We should have scored more goals in the first half, but our forwards squandered their chances. Manly are a strange team. They play much better when they are trailing!"

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Denes Adrigan: "A draw would have been a fairer result. Our second half display deserved a split of the points though we missed too many chances. But this I know: we won't be relegated."

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Joe Vlasits: "These were two very, very important points we got today. I was very pleased with the midfield work of Dave Goldie and John Duffy. Next week is another hard game against the strong Yugal team."

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George Azzopardi: "If it had not been for the unfortunate incidents, the run of play showed that we would have won. With only nine men we had the best share of the ball."

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Gyula Polgar: "The team gave a much improved display in the second half, which augurs well for the future. I was delighted with the boys' fighting spirit."

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Adauto Iglesias: "APIA were the better team and should have won. There was only one team on the field in the first half. We should have had the game sewn up by halftime."

GREEK STAR'S DEBUT WILL DRAW CROWD

— By LOU GAUTIER —

With Hakoah and Pan Hellenic streaking towards the semifinals, the interest now centres on their distant pursuers for the other two vacancies in the final play-offs.

None of the semifinal contenders, however, are in direct opposition this weekend, but they could all benefit or suffer indirectly from this round.

The weekend is especially vital for St. George, South Coast and Croatia because a defeat would certainly put paid to their slim hopes.

Yugal, only a middle-of-the-table prospect two weeks ago, could be the big beneficiary again this weekend.

If they beat Melita Eagles — a distinct possibility — and the other results go their way, they'll be in the thick of the battle for the semifinals.

Our previews:

Manly v. Croatia

Manly's gallant displays at home in recent weeks suggest Croatia will have a big fight on their hands at Graham's Reserve on Saturday.

Croatia have crashed after a steady climb up the ladder and are now in the doldrums again.

Manly, always tough to outplay at home, have the chance this week to once again jump ahead of Canterbury at the foot of the ladder.

Unless Curry returns to tighten the Croatia defence and Reynolds regains the devastating form of a few weeks back, Croatia may not withstand the pace of their faster, more direct young opponents.

On last week's displays both teams will be hard pressed to get among the goals, and we expect defences to dominate on each side.

Croatia's defence, on paper, looks the stronger, but as both attacks are equally out of touch, a draw seems the likely outcome.

Pan Hellenic v. Polonia

The first match of new Greek signing, Loukanides, should draw the largest Saturday club crowd for some time to Wentworth Park.

Pan Hellenic, despite their unimpressive display last weekend when they were lucky to beat Manly, should celebrate Loukanides' debut with a win which will just about clinch them a berth in the final play-offs.

Polonia have run out of steam and seem likely to slip further down the ladder in coming weeks.

Their players are showing signs of nervousness — a sure indication of loss of form.

Against Pan Hellenic, they may really have plenty to worry about, especially their opponents' forward-line if Loukanides is what he's made out to be.

Polonia's task appears hopeless, but much stranger things have happened, and Pan Hellenic are not noted as models of consistency.

On current form, Pan Hellenic should win only narrowly, but if the atmosphere's right — and it's bound to be electric if the idol of Greek soccer plays — Pan Hellenic may have a field day as only they can when everything goes right for them.

Melita Eagles v. Yugal

Both teams recorded valuable victories last week. Yugal are now in the race

for the semis and Melita Eagles took a giant step towards burying their relegation worries.

A win this week, and the winner would really be sitting pretty.

Yugal were by far the more impressive last week, and despite Melita's penchant for Mona Park, will start favorites.

Their defence is playing splendidly and their attack is, faster, more mobile than Melita's.

It's hard to believe that the ineffective home forwards will be able to make much impression on players like Crnich, Lang, Banicevic and Rafanelli, who in recent weeks have constituted one of the best defences in the competition.

Determined to avenge their last-minute first round defeat, Yugal should win a very close match, perhaps by the odd goal of another game where defences should gain the upper hand.

South Coast v. Hakoah

Woonona should hold no terror for the competition leaders.

The gap between the two teams is such at the moment that even a draw would come as a shock.

Hakoah's already formidable defence is almost impregnable now that Watkiss is his old self at last.

South Coast haven't won in six matches and it's impossible to imagine their lacklustre forward-line giving Marnoch's defence much trouble.

South Coast have alternated the best with the worst at home — in Sydney so far it's always been the worst — where they've either beaten the best or gone down in abject defeat to lowly opposition.

ROUND 15

APIA v. Canterbury

APIA made hard work of splitting the points with a very ordinary St. George last weekend, and though the opposition this weekend is a little weaker, they can't take anything for granted.

Despite the home ground advantage, APIA will have to work hard for the full 90 minutes.



GERRY HOOD (Canterbury)

Canterbury are still too uncomfortable close to danger not to fight desperately.

The small Lambert Park pitch may suit them better than APIA whose greatest worry may again be to convert all their gilt-edged scoring chances into goals.

Recently APIA have frittered enough opportunities to win two competitions — a startling come-down for a

team whose attack was the terror of Sydneys defences for the past four seasons.

If APIA open up on the wings instead of cluttering the centre, they may have the Canterbury defence running in circles.

On must tip APIA to win, and win they should. But the final score is entirely up to their forwards as their defence is strong enough to withstand the Berries' challenge.

Prague v. St. George

Prague's stocks nosedived last week when they turned in a sub-standard display they may regret bitterly.

A win against Yugal would have enabled them to get a clear break on their pursuers instead of still holding on to an uncomfortably shaky third place.

Prague cannot afford many more slip-ups, certainly not this week against Saints, the team they defeated so convincingly and in such fine style in the first round.

Sunday's match is even more vital for St. George, who must win at all cost to keep their slim semifinal hopes alive.

Despite last week's shocker, Prague inspire more confidence at the moment.

They have a set style and play to a pattern while Saints still lack cohesion and depend on a few individual efforts to gain the occasional point here and there they have collected this season.

A lot will depend on Les Scheinflug, who was obviously still suffering from the effects of the tough midweek Cardiff match against Yugal.

A fit, forceful Scheinflug would go a long way towards gaining midfield mastery for Prague.

Saints will again rely on goalie Haffey, in great form these days, and Schaefer, and hope for an improved display by skipper Warren.

The match could go either way, but we lean slightly towards Prague.

VITAL STATISTICS

Melita v. Yugal 2-0-1

Oddly enough, Melita have a positive record here; they also won the first round match 1-0.

On the other hand, they have yet to register a win at their home ground this season.

Yugal are still facing their 300th championship goal while Melita are keen to register their 10th victory in First Division.

SCU v. Hakoah 5-5-5

You couldn't dream of a more balanced record than theirs.

However, in recent years Hakoah have been ruling the roost: they won 3-1 in the first round and have not lost to the Coast since 1965.

P. Hellenic v. Polonia 5-2-2

Pan Hellenic have won their last three encounters, scoring 16 in the process; a convincing 3-1 in the first round.

Pan Hellenic have lost only once at home and Polonia lost only once away this season.

Manly v. Croatia 0-0-1

Only their second match in the championship.

Manly have not won a match at Graham's Reserve but could pull this off as Croatia's away record is unimpressive: four defeats out of seven outings.

Prague v. St. George 10-2-7

It's interesting to note that out of their 19 championship matches, only two have ended in a draw.

Prague broke a long spell of outs with their first round win of 3-1; for three years before that they lost five and drew one.

St. George are waiting for their 100th championship win.

APIA v. Canterbury 10-4-5

For the last Canterbury win you must go back to 1961. APIA also won the first round tie, 4-1.

APIA are known to be formidable opponents at Lambert Park while Canterbury, away from home, have drawn one and lost six this season.

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CROWDS

Last weekend's attendance: 15,453.
Average per match: 2,575.
Attendance after 13 rounds: 217,227.
Weekly average attendance: 16,709.

TEAM OF THE WEEK

HAFFEY (St. George)	
LINCOLN (Croatia)	CRNICH (Yugal)
ROBINSON (Melita)	YAAGER (Hakoah)
McGARRY (SCU)	BAARTZ (Hakoah)
POVEY (Polonia)	GOLDIE (Melita)
	NINAUS (Canterbury)

REFEREES

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LEADING SCORERS

Alston (SCU)	9
Baartz (Hakoah)	8
Cliss (St. George)	8
Smith (Pan Hellenic)	8
R. Cush (Croatia)	7
Edwards (Yugal)	7
J. Karyannis (Pan Hellenic)	7
Krawiarz (Polonia)	7
G. Manuel (Prague)	6
Barnett (Hakoah)	6
Hood (Canterbury)	6
McGarry (SCU)	6

RESULT SCOREBOARD

FIRST DIVISION	APIA	St. George	Croatia	P. Hellenic	Hakoah	Canterbury	Prague	Polonia	Yugal	Melita Eagles	S. Coast Utd.	Manly
APIA	●	1-0		1-0	2-2		5-1		1-3			
St. George	1-1	●	1-4	1-1	0-2	1-0	1-3	1-2			1-0	
Croatia	1-1		●	0-3	0-2	2-2	3-1					2-0
Pan Hellenic			2-1	●	3-0	1-4		4-1	2-0	2-0	3-1	
Hakoah			3-0	2-0	●	3-1	4-3	0-0				
Canterbury	1-4				1-2	●			0-3	2-1	1-1	3-1
Prague						6-0	●	1-0	3-0	1-0	1-1	
Polonia	1-3		1-0	1-3	2-1	2-2	●	3-1	1-2	1-1		
Yugal	3-0	1-0	0-3		1-1	1-0		●	0-1	1-1	3-3	
Melita Eagles	0-0	2-2	1-2		0-0			1-3	●		3-3	
South Coast	3-1	0-1	7-1			7-2			2-0	●	1-2	
Manly	3-3	0-3		0-1	0-3	1-2	1-2		0-1		●	



ROUND THE WORLD

Busby for president?

It is said in England that Matt Busby, soccer's newest knight, may be offered Manchester United's presidency next season. Busby, however, has been quoted as saying he wants to manage his "Babes" until at least 1970.

Didi to coach Peru

Didi, one of Brazil's greatest soccer heroes, and the critics' choice as the best player in the 1958 World Cup in Sweden, has been appointed manager-selector of the Peruvian national team. Didi has been coaching the leading Peruvian club side, Cristal Lima, for the past two seasons.

Czechs go for girls

Czechoslovakia is undoubtedly the hub of ladies' soccer in the world. The country boasts of 1,287 teams and 14,000 fully registered players. The girls even take part in a national competition on a home-and-away basis and their average attendance is around the 3,500 mark. This week the Czechoslovakian Women's Soccer Association stages Europe's first full-scale tournament for ladies' club teams. Called the Moravia Cup, it will include two Czech teams and one from England ("Kay's Ladies Works"), West Germany, East Germany and Yugoslavia ("United Blondes and Brunettes").

Charlton, Rivera tipped

A half-yearly survey among European soccer writers revealed that Bobby Charlton and Gianni Rivera are favored to fight it out for the 1968 European "Player of the Year" award. Charlton for Manchester United's popular European Cup win, and the Italian ace for his country's European Championship triumph and AC Milan's Italian and European Cup-Winners' Cup victories.

French without tears

Congo Kinshasa (the former Belgian Congo) officials are worried about their deteriorating standards. Not so long ago one of Africa's leading soccer nations, Congolese soccer has been in the dumps for the past two seasons. To remedy this, the FA has been scouting Europe and South America for coaches. They expect to sign most of their coaches from France because French is the official language in a country where 58 local tribal dialects are used.

Greece's military triumph

Greece has won the International Military championship, played in Irak. Greece beat Turkey 4-1 in an explosive match in the final at Bagdad. The Ivory Coast was third, Holland fourth, Spain fifth and South Korea sixth.

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Manchester United have set an all-time English crowd record this season when their average was just over 58,000 a match. They also set a record with the highest single gate taking for a club match in England: £42,000 against Real Madrid in the European Cup semifinal.

● Things can't be too bad in US soccer: Oakland Clippers, the 1967 American Association champions, trounced the current English League champions Manchester City 3-0 recently.

● Valerij Voronin's injury is so serious that doctors fear he may never walk again. The Torpedo and Russian star was involved in a car smash recently.

● Bobby Charlton and George Best are holidaying at Majorca, Spain all expenses paid by a group of Manchester United fans.

● Real Madrid, Racing Buenos Aires, Benfica and the local First Division Spanish team, will take part in Malaga's annual international tournament of La Costa del Sol at the end of August.

● It's now official: Luis Suarez terminates his contract with Inter Milan in August next year and will return to his native La Corona in Spain.

● Costa Pereira, the former Benfica and Portuguese goalkeeper, majored as the dux of this year's Portuguese Coaching Academy. Pereira's first coaching assignment will be with First Division C.U.F.

● Vladimir Beara, recently returned from Switzerland, has been entrusted with the perilous task of coaching Yugoslav relegation candidate, Rijeka.

● Another former top Yugoslav international who was coaching in Switzerland has come home. He is Boskov, who now coaches Vojvodina.

● Real Madrid have been invited for a series of exhibition matches in the USA in August. Cost of the operation for the American sponsors: \$50,000.

● French international halfback, Bosquier, captain of the national team, is certain to leave St. Etienne. Bosquier was the leader of a players' "revolt" which almost wrecked the champion club two weeks ago.

Early European Cup odds

The city of Manchester has joined Madrid and Milan for the distinction of having two teams in the European Champions' Cup. Manchester United, the 1967-68 European champions, and Manchester City, the English league winners, will take part in next season's competition. In the past Madrid have been represented by Atletico and Real and Milan by Inter and AC Milan. Soccer-crazy Manchester is already dreaming of an all-Manchester European final — in Glasgow — in May 1969. English bookmakers have already posted their early European Cup odds which read: Manchester United, AC Milan 5-2; Benfica, Real Madrid 4-1; Celtic 5-1; Nurnberg, Manchester City 7-1.

● Napoli have engaged Brazilian-born coach Otto Gloria, the former Benfica manager.

● The Pele-led Santos defeated Saarbruck 3-0 on their European tour. Japanese star, Kamamoto, played in the second half for the Saarlanders.

● Alemannia Aachen, the West German Bundesliga team, are touring South America. They were beaten 3-2 at Belo Horizonte, in their first match, by Cruzeiro.

● "Tom" Nordahl, Juventus' young Swede, Gunnar Nordahl's son, may go on loan to Belgian champions Anderlecht next season.

● Real Madrid were surprisingly knocked out in the semifinals of the Spanish Cup by Second Division Celta Vigo.

● Alejandro Scopelli, the famous Argentinian coach, who has been serving in Chile, is tipped to coach Mexico in the 1970 World Cup. Scopelli was also in charge of the Mexican team in the 1962 series in Chile.

● Brazil won their second match in Europe when they beat Poland 6-3 (2-2) in Warsaw. A crowd of 80,000 saw Rivelino (2), Jairzinho (2), Tostao and Natal score for Brazil and Blaut, Sadek and Zmijewski for the Poles, who were outclassed in the second half.

● In Montevideo, Uruguay beat Argentina 2-1. The halftime score was 1-0 and the crowd 78,000.

● Eduardo Toba has been appointed selector of the Spanish national team. Toba until now managed Spain's amateur side, an Olympic qualifier. Toba, 45, coached the Costa Rican national team from 1959 to 1962.

● Sztani, Eintracht Frankfurt's Hungarian under-23 international, has become the player-coach of the Swiss Second Division Schaffhausen.

● The next UEFA Congress will be held in 1970 at Dubrovnik (Yugoslavia).

● Penarol Montevideo, the 1965-66 Intercontinental Cup winners have offered to pay Palmeiras \$120,000 for their Brazilian "B" international, Tupaozinho.

French leave

Two of France's World Cup players are on the move. Winger Gerard Hausser who was with Germany's Karlsruhe this season, is going home to Metz while Yves Herbet is going to Anderlecht in Belgium to take over from their retiring star Joseph Jurion.

Zeze on the move

Zeze Moreira, one of the three famous and wandering Brazilian soccer brothers, may take over Penarol of Uruguay. A few years ago he was with Penarol's rivals, Nacional who have just signed the veteran Brazilian star, Garrincha.

Yugoslavs "cautiously optimistic"

Despite their splendid achievement in reaching the European Championship final this year, the Yugoslavs are not over-optimistic about their World Cup chances. National team manager Rajko Mitic believes that Spain and Belgium will be very tough opponents in their elimination group. "Despite our considerable, encouraging success in Italy, the Spaniards will start at least equal favorites in our group, and Belgium is not without some chance", Mitic told a recent press conference in Belgrade.

Record fee for Cooke?

Charlie Cooke is expected to set a new British transfer record fee soon. Chelsea's brilliant Scottish forward is determined to move before the start of the new season. Cooke, who was transferred from Dundee to Chelsea for \$170,000 is likely to fetch \$400,000 when he transfers. So far Rangers have shown an interest in him, but Cooke would prefer to play in England. The big tip is that West Ham may be the club to fork out the staggering fee.

SCOREBOARD

WORLD CUP (qualifying):

Finland v. Belgium 1-2.

INTERNATIONALS:

Poland v. Brazil 3-6; Uruguay v.

Argentina 2-1; Yugoslavia v.

Brazil 0-2; Czechoslovakia v.

Brazil 3-2; Denmark v. Norway 5-1.

HUNGARY:

Vasas v. Ferencvaros 1-0; Csepel v. Pecs 2-1; Videoton v. Ujpest 2-6;

Dunaujvaros v. Szeged 1-0; Gyor v. Szombathely 1-1;

Diosgyor v. Egyetertes 3-1; Honved v. Salgotarjan 2-0.

Table: Vasas 23; Ujpest 22; Honved, Ferencvaros 21; Csepel 18.

POLAND (last round):

Gwardia v. Glask 2-2; LKS

v. Pogon 0-1; Odra v. Polonia Bytom 0-3; Ruch v. Gornik 3-1; Stal v. Legia 1-0; Grasshoppers third.

Szombierki v. Wisla 0-2; Zaglebie v. Katowice 0-1. Final

table: Ruch 36 (champions); Legia 33, Gornik 31, Zaglebie,

Polonia Bytom 26, Szombierki, Slask, Pogon, Katowice,

Stal, Odra 23, Wisla, LKS 21, Gwardia 19.

RUMANIA:

Petrolul v. Steaua 1-3; Progresul v. Arges 1-1; Cluj v. Dinamo Bucharest 5-0; Rapid v. Craiova 1-0; Bacou v. Farul 4-1; UTA v. Jiul 2-1; ASA v. Steaul Rosu 2-0. Steaua are the 1967-68 champions, FC Arges the runners-up. Dinamo Bucharest won the Cup, defeating Rapid 3-1 in the final.

SWITZERLAND:

FC Zurich won the First Division play-off for the 1967-1968 title. Lugano were second, Grasshoppers third.



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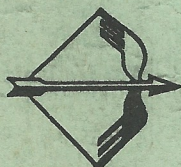
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SCOLAR IMPRESSED BY YOUNG ADELAIDE TEAM

— From ALLAN CRISP in Adelaide —

Adelaide's soccer youth enjoyed a 90 minute fling at the Olympic Sports Field last Saturday when SA lost 2-3 to Welsh champions, Cardiff City.

SA fielded the youngest senior side ever to represent the State and they rose to the big occasion in superb fashion.

Cardiff City manager, Jim Scoular said, "method-wise SA is the best team we've played in Australia."

"I was most impressed with the way SA built up attacks from defensive situations."

SA shocked Cardiff by scoring after four minutes. The early goal had a

magical effect on the crowd. For the first time in years, club loyalties were forgotten and a State team was accorded deserving crowd support.

Inspired, SA continued to share in the exciting play until Cardiff equalised after 32 minutes.

Cardiff, with professional efficiency, gradually assumed command but SA refused to play defensively.

Cardiff goalkeeper, Fred Davies, made many fine saves but was plainly lucky to prevent goals from Billy Birch and Nick Pantelis.

Cardiff wingers, Barrie Jones and Ron Bird played superbly while full back, Bob Ferguson and stopper, Don Murray were the outstanding defenders.

Billy Birch played a "Bobby Charlton" for SA and was ably supported by John Perin, Nilo Rusale, Terry Wetton and Nick Pantelis.

SA's youth policy was certainly vindicated by their dedicated team of 90 minute tryers.

Details: SA: Romanowicz (Fedczyszyn) Nyskohus (Kolceki), Baggio, Kouzapa, Rusale, Wetton, Pantelis, Birch, Marusic, Perin, De Lyster (Batchelor).

Cardiff City: Davies, Carver, Ferguson, Clarke, Murray, Harris, Jones, Lea, King, Clarke, Bird.

Scorers: Pantelis (4 min.), Marusic (90 mins.) for SA; Lea (32 min.),

Jones (41 mins.), Bird (50 mins.) for Cardiff. Referee: M. O'Malley. Crowd: 5,100.

INTER-STATE SOCCER

VICTORIAN RESULTS

JUST 3 (Handricks, Kazi, Hughes) d. Hakoah 0.
Lions 2 (Reid, Smart) d. Melbourne 0.
George Cross 1 (McCallum) drew Slavia 1 (Jurecki).
Croatia 4 (McIntyre 3, Xanthopoulos own goal) d. Alexander 0.
Wilhelmina 1 (Vowles) drew with South Melbourne Hellas 1 (Micio).
Polonia 1 (Wrobel) d. Juventus 0.

VICTORIAN TABLE

George Cross	6	4	2	26	15	16
SM-Hellas	6	4	2	24	15	16
Hakoah	7	2	2	22	14	16
Croatia	7	1	4	18	9	15
Polonia	5	5	2	20	13	15
Slavia	4	4	4	16	15	12
Lions	4	4	4	11	12	12
Alexander	5	2	5	19	25	12
Wilhelmina	3	3	7	17	18	9
Juventus	3	3	6	14	25	9
Melbourne	2	4	6	13	23	8
JUST	1	2	9	9	25	4

MELBOURNE PROGRAM

Saturday: Lions v. Hakoah (Montgomery Park), Melbourne v. Polonia (St. Kilda), Slavia v. Wilhelmina (Olympic Park).
Sunday: JUST v. Croatia (Schindler Reserve), Alexander v. George Cross (Olympic Park), Hellas v. Juventus (Middle Park).

SYDNEY AMATEURS

LAST WEEK'S RESULTS

FIRST DIVISION
South Sydney v. Belmore 1-0 0-1
Wenty v. Lidcombe 3-1 8-0
Artarmon v. Concordia 2-4 3-1
Blacktown v. Ryde 3-1 4-2
E. Side-MTK v. NSW Uni. 8-0 2-3
Thistle v. Marrickville 0-1 3-4

SECOND DIVISION
Sydney Uni. v. Guildford 0-5 1-1
Yagoona v. St. Marys 3-1 1-4
Riverside v. Kewpies 3-0 2-2
Gymea v. Auburn 0-3 4-1
Enmore v. Arncliffe 3-3 1-5
Penrith v. Warringah 3-0 0-4

THIRD DIVISION
Revesby v. Gladesville 3-0 3-1
Greenacre v. All Stars 2-6 4-1
F'field-Kiev v. Cond. Pk. 1-8 5-1

FOURTH DIVISION
Chelsea v. Ku-ring-gai 3-1 3-3
Newtown v. Prospect 3-0 0-1
Bev'ly Hills v. P'stow Pk. 3-1 1-2
C'pbel'town v. Maroubra 6-2 8-2
Liverpool v. Central Utd. 1-1 4-0

THIS WEEKEND

SATURDAY, JULY 6
First Division: Belmore v. East Side-MTK — Rudd Park, Blacktown v. South Sydney — Francis Park.

Second Division: Riverside Rapids v. Yagoona — Mahoney Park, Arncliffe Scots v. Sydney University — Cahill Park.

Fourth Division: Padstow Park v. Chelsea — Bankstown Oval, Ku-ring-gai v. Prospect — Asquith Oval.

SUNDAY, JULY 7
First Division: Ryde v. Wenty Waratah — L.S. Hall Field, Lidcombe v. Artarmon — Coleman Park, NSW Uni. v. Thistle — David Phillips Oval, Marrickville v. Concordia — Mackey Park.

Second Division: St. Marys v. Enmore — Ridge Park, Kewpies v. Gymea — Colquhoun Park, Auburn Juniors v. Penrith — Progress Park, Guildford v. Warringah — Guildford Park.

Third Division: Dee Why v. Revesby — Dee Why Oval, All Stars v. West Ryde — Jones Park, Rovers v. Fairfield-Kiev — Loftus Oval.

Fourth Division: Maroubra v. Beverly Hills — Paine Reserve, Central United v. Campbelltown — Waverley No. 2, Liverpool Eagles v. Newtown Progressives — Woodward Park.

WITH THE AMATEURS

IMPROVING CONCORDIA MOVE UP THE LADDER

— By KEITH GILMOUR —

Concordia have now moved into the "top four" of the First Division, following their 4-2 win over Artarmon at Artarmon Park on Saturday.

Thistle went down to Marrickville, and occupy fifth position.

Wentworthville proved too strong for Lidcombe in their match at Jones Park, and Artarmon's lapse took them back to the top of the tree.

Alan Sargent was the Thistle went down to Marrickville, and occupy fifth position.

The match ended on a lifeless note, with Lidcombe defending to save conceding more goals.

Eastside-MTK followed up their draw with Concordia last week with an 8-0 win over University of New South Wales at Moore Park on Sunday.

Eastside only led 1-0 at half-time.

From the change around they assumed full command, and after a few quick goals they had University completely demoralised, and coasted on to their big winning margin.

Sydney Juniors

The final round of the elimination rounds of the Sydney Metropolitan Championships were played last Sunday and the finalists have been decided as shown under each of the following competition tables.

From the under-8 to the under-13 divisions these final four teams will now play a round-robin competition to decide the Metropolitan Champion to represent Sydney in the State titles later in August.

The under-14, 15 and 16 Inter-District Metropolitan Championships will continue playing till 3-8-68, when the two leading teams will play off for the Metropolitan title to represent Sydney in the State titles.

The under-18, 21 and All-Age have completed their competition and the two leading teams as shown below will play off for the Metropolitan title and represent Sydney in the State titles.

RESULTS & TABLES

Results of games played last Sunday are:

Under-8: Bankstown 1 drew Granville 1; St. George 2 d. Nepean 1; Ku-ring-gai 1 d. Norths 0; Sutherland 4 d. Gladesville 1; Canterbury 2 d. Southern Districts 1; Wests 1 d. Manly 0.

Under-9: Bankstown 4 d. Granville 0; St. George 1 d. Nepean 0; Norths 1 drew Ku-ring-gai 1; Sutherland 1 d. Gladesville 0; Canterbury 6 d. Easts 0; Southern Districts 1 d. Wests 0.

Under-10: Bankstown 1 d. Granville 0; Nepean 2 d. St. George 1; Ku-ring-gai 5 d. Norths 1; Gladesville 1 d. Sutherland 0; Canterbury 3 d. Easts 2; Manly 3 d. Wests 2.

Under-11: Bankstown 3 d. Granville 1; St. George 2 d. Nepean 0; Ku-ring-gai 1 d. Norths 1; Sutherland 7 d. Gladesville 0; Canterbury 7 d. Easts 0; Wests bye.

Under-12: Granville 3 d. Bankstown 1; St. George 6 d. Nepean 1; Ku-ring-gai 8 d. Norths 0; Sutherland 3 drew Gladesville 3; Southern Districts 6 d. Canterbury 2; Manly 7 d. Wests 0.

Under-13: Bankstown 4 d. Granville 1; St. George 2 d. Nepean 1; Ku-ring-gai 1 d. Norths 0; Gladesville 4 d. Sutherland 3; Manly 1 d. Wests 0; Canterbury bye.

Under-14: Gladesville 3 d. Bankstown 2; Wests 5 d. Nepean 4; St. George 0 drew Granville 0; Manly 4 d. Ku-ring-gai 0; Sutherland 2 d. Canterbury 0.

Under-15: Bankstown 3 d. Gladesville 1; Wests 2 d. Nepean 1; St. George 2 d. Granville 1; Ku-ring-gai 4 d. Manly 0; Easts 4 d. Sutherland 2.

Under-16: Gladesville 2 drew Bankstown 2; Southern Districts 2 d. Wests 0; St. George 3 d. Norths 1; Manly 2 drew Ku-ring-gai 2; Canterbury 4 d. Sutherland 0.

Under-18: Ku-ring-gai 4 d. Sutherland 0; Manly 11 d. Canterbury 5; St. George won on forfeit from Wests.

Under-21: Sutherland 5 d. Manly 3; Gladesville 6 d. Canterbury 1; Granville won on forfeit from Wests.

All-Age: Canterbury 5 d. Sutherland 0; Bankstown 7 d. Ku-ring-gai 3; Wests bye.

UNDER-8

Bankstown	3	2	—	10	1	8
Granville	3	2	—	7	1	8
St. George	2	2	1	8	2	6
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	—	2	5	5
Nepean	1	1	3	4	5	3
Norths	—	—	—	5	17	—
Canterbury	3	2	—	8	2	8
Sutherland	3	1	—	9	4	7
Wests	2	2	1	3	5	6
Sh. Districts	2	1	2	5	3	5
Gladesville	—	2	3	2	8	2
Manly	—	2	3	1	6	2

Semifinalists: Bankstown, Granville, Canterbury, Sutherland.

Bankstown	5	—	12	3	1
St. George	4	—	1	10	2
Granville	2	—	3	9	11
Norths	1	2	2	4	8
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	3	4	8
Nepean	—	1	4	3	10
Sutherland	5	—	21	0	1
Canterbury	3	1	1	11	3
Sh. Districts	3	—	2	7	8
Gladesville	2	1	2	7	3
Wests	—	1	4	1	12
Easts	—	1	4	2	23

Semifinalists: Bankstown, St. George, Sutherland, Canterbury.

UNDER-10

Bankstown	4	—	1	18	3	8
Ku-ring-gai	4	—	1	16	6	8
St. George	3	—	2	10	6	6
Nepean	2	1	2	7	12	5
Granville	1	1	3	8	10	3
Norths	—	—	—	5	22	—
Gladesville	4	1	—	9	3	9
Sutherland	4	—	1	14	1	8
Canterbury	3	—	2	7	6	6
Manly	2	1	2	7	6	5
Wests	1	—	4	8	17	2
Easts	—	—	5	2	16	—

Semifinalists: Bankstown, Ku-ring-gai, Gladesville, Sutherland.

UNDER-11					
Bankstown	5	—	15	2	
St. George	3	—	2	11	9
Granville	2	1	2	14	6
Nepean	1	2	2	5	8
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	3	4	8
Norths	—	2	3	2	18
Sutherland	4	1	—	26	3
Canterbury	4	1	—	13	4
Wests	2	1	2	7	8
Gladesville	2	1	2	4	15
Easts	1	—	4	1	30
Semifinalists: Bankstown, St. George, Sutherland, Canterbury.					

UNDER-12					
Granville	5	—	23	3	10
Bankstown	3	1	1	19	5
St. George	2	2	1	14	7
Ku-ring-gai	2	1	2	12	8
Nepean	1	—	4	4	23
Norths	—	—	5	26	—
Sutherland	4	1	—	14	3
Southern Dist.	3	—	2	15	8
Manly	3	—	2	17	14
Gladesville	2	1	2	12	10
Canterbury	2	—	3	11	12
Wests	—	—	5	1	23

UNDER-13						
Semifinalists: Granville, Bankstown, Sutherland, Southern Districts.						
Bankstown	4	—	1	15	4	8
Granville	4	—	1	17	6	8
Nepean	3	—	2	8	8	6
St. George	2	—	3	11	12	4
Ku-ring-gai	2	—	3	5	11	4
Norths	—	—	5	4	19	—
Gladesville	4	—	1	20	5	8
Sutherland	4	—	1	21	10	8
Manly	4	—	1	9	5	8
Wests	2	—	3	4	12	4
Canterbury	1	—	4	4	26	2
Semifinalists: Bankstown, Granville, Gladesville, Sutherland.						

UNDER-18

St. George	4	1	—	17	4	9
Manly	4	1	—	34	11	9
Ku-ring-gai	3	—	2	13	8	6
Sutherland	2	—	3	10	20	4
Canterbury	1	—	4	14	27	2
Wests	—	—	5	6	24	—

Finalists: St. George and Manly, to be played on 14-7-68.

UNDER-21

Granville	5	—	23	5	10
Gladesville	4	—	1	25	9
Canterbury	2	—	3	5	13
Wests	1	1	3	6	10
Sutherland	1	1	3	8	17
Manly	1	—	4	7	22

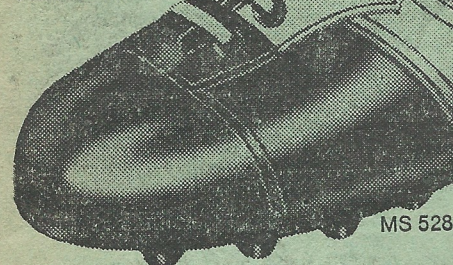
Finalists: Granville and Gladesville, to be played on 21-7-68.

ALL-AGE					
Wests	5	—	—	14	
Bankstown	3	1	1	9	
Canterbury	2	1	2	12	1
Sutherland	2	1	2	9	1
Ku-ring-gai	1	1	3	11	2

Finalists: Wests and Bankstown
to be played on 28-7-68.

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Competition Tables FIRST DIVISION

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Prague	11	—	2	38	9	22				
APIA	9	3	1	34	13	21				
SCU	10	—	3	44	19	20				
St. George	7	1	5	26	22	15				
Croatia	6	3	4	17	23	15				
Melita Eagles	7	—	6	34	26	14				
Hakoah	6	1	6	22	12	13				
Pan Hellenic	6	—	7	22	21	12				
Polonia	3	3	7	23	35	9				
Canterbury	4	1	8	16	37	9				
Manly	2	—	11	15	38	4				
Yugal	1	—	12	6	38	2				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Croatia	9	1	3	29	11	20				
Prague	8	2	3	28	17	19				
St. George	8	2	3	22	17	18				
Canterbury	6	4	3	24	21	16				
Pan Hellenic	6	4	3	14	10	16				
SCU	6	3	4	30	17	15				
Hakoah	6	2	5	23	20	14				
Yugal	4	5	4	21	20	13				
Melita Eagles	4	2	7	27	34	10				
APIA	3	2	8	14	23	8				
Manly	1	2	10	12	34	4				
Polonia	1	1	11	16	34	3				

GRADE II.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Western Subs.	10	1	1	35	14	22				
Bankstown	10	1	2	35	15	21				
Western Subs.	9	1	3	40	17	19				
Sutherland	7	3	3	24	22	17				
Marconi	6	4	4	26	15	16				
Balgownie	5	4	5	24	18	14				
Granville	6	2	6	31	33	14				
N. Bankstown	4	2	8	22	37	10				
NS-Inter	4	2	7	17	33	10				
Corinthians	4	1	8	16	28	9				
Hornsby-NE	1	2	10	24	39	4				
Lane Cove	2	—	11	16	40	4				

GRADE III.										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Bankstown	12	—	1	59	10	24				
Western Subs.	11	1	1	63	9	23				
Sutherland	9	3	1	56	17	21				
N. Bankstown	9	2	3	31	16	20				
Granville	8	2	4	39	30	18				
Auburn	6	—	7	33	31	12				
Balgownie	5	2	7	26	29	12				
Hornsby-NE	4	1	8	18	26	9				
Lane Cove	3	1	9	21	42	7				
Marconi	3	—	11	10	46	6				
Corinthians	2	1	10	12	82	5				
NS-Inter	1	1	11	18	42	3				

INTER-SUBURBAN FIRST DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Wentley	10	1	3	41	15	21				
Artarmon	6	7	1	30	14	19				
Marrickville	7	4	3	37	20	18				
Concordia	7	3	4	27	23	17				
Thistle	7	2	5	32	19	16				
South Sydney	6	2	4	17	15	14				
Belmore	4	6	4	24	25	14				
Eastside-MTK	5	1	7	28	28	11				
Blacktown	5	1	8	24	41	11				
Uni. NSW	3	2	6	16	32	8				
Lidcombe	3	1	9	15	33	7				
Ryde	1	2	9	10	32	4				

SECOND DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Guildford	12	—	2	45	10	24				
Riverside	11	—	3	38	23	22				
Enmore	9	3	2	47	17	21				
Yagoona	9	2	3	26	18	20				
Warringah	8	3	3	42	19	19				
St. Marys	6	1	6	35	36	13				
Auburn	6	—	8	24	32	12				
Penrith	3	4	7	28	44	10				
Arncliffe Scots	4	1	9	19	32	9				
Sydney Uni.	2	4	8	21	38	8				
Kewpies	2	2	10	17	32	6				
Gymea	1	—	12	14	55	2				

THIRD DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Condell Park	8	1	2	35	15	17				
Rovers	8	—	2	46	12	16				
G'ville-H'by	6	2	3	28	14	14				
All Stars	6	1	3	26	18	13				
Revesby	5	—	5	23	28	10				
Dee Why	3	3	4	20	21	9				
West Ryde	3	1	6	21	26	7				
F'ield-Kiev	1	1	7	15	42	3				
Greenacre	1	1	7	18	55	3				

FOURTH DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
C'belltown	10	—	1	40	15	20				
Liverpool	7	1	2	27	14	15				
Beverly Hills	5	3	3	28	23	13				
Padstow Park	5	3	4	35	34	13				
Newtown	5	2	4	26	22	12				
Maroubra	4	1	5	20	27	9				
Chelsea	3	3	6	18	38	9				
Prospect	3	2	7	21	22	8				
Ku-ring-gai	3	1	8	33	35	7				
Central Utd.	2	2	7	15	33	6				

LAST WEEK'S FIRST DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
Yugal v. Prague	0-2	1-2								
Canterbury v. SCU	1-4	2-2								
Polonia v. Melita	1-3	3-4								
Manly v. Pan Hellenic	1-3	1-3								
St. George v. APIA	1-1	0-0								
Hakoah v. Croatia	0-2	2-1								

SECOND DIVISION										
	W	D	L	F	A	P				
NS-Inter v. Corinth	1-2	1-2	0-1							
B'gownie v. B'town	2-0	0-0	1-6							
Hornsby v. S'land	2-2	1-3	0-4							
Lane Cove v. Wests	0-6	0-5	0-5							
Auburn v. Marconi	2-2	1-1	2-1							
N. B'town v. G'ville	1-4	3-3	1-2							

SYDNEY SECOND DIVISION

WESTERN SUBURBS' BIG CHANCE TO CATCH UP

— By CHARLES SPITERI —

Auburn have emerged as the clear-cut leaders we predicted last week despite only drawing with Marconi at Mona Park.

Bankstown, never behind on points so far this season, were well beaten by Balgownie while Western Suburbs scored a runaway victory at Pottery Green to put them within striking distance of the leaders.

NS-Inter v. Corinthians 1-0

Right winger Spresian scored the only goal of the match with an angled shot from outside the penalty area.

Corinthians tried hard in the second half to get the equaliser but Norths' solid defence held out well.

Hornsby v. Sutherland 2-2

Football-wise the match was poor, with both sides tackling hard and determined not to allow the opposition to settle down. Sutherland had the bigger share of the ball in the first half and deserved to lead 1-0 at the break.

Hornsby, however, were much better after the interval and with five minutes to go led 2-1 before Sutherland equalised right on time.

Hornsby: McDonald; Shields, Hogan; Booth, J. Barber, Barman; Dickerson, Jones (1), D. Barber, Vickers, Suggett (1).

Sutherland: Quinn; Paterson, McAneny; Turner, O'Reilly, Corfield; Bibbing, Sant (1), O'Brian, Davidson, Cucitri (1).

Auburn v. Marconi 2-2
The game was played at a fast pace and was pretty even throughout.

Auburn led 1-0 at the interval with a goal by Moffatt but Marconi equalised soon after the resumption and took the lead through a penalty.

Auburn managed to equalise later in the game. Auburn: Brommett; Smith, Haggitt (o.g.); Ent-

wistle, Thompson, Keen; Allan, Nowacki, Moffatt (1), Crockett, Drewitt (1), O'Neill.

Lane Cove v. Western Suburbs 0-6

Following a 3-0 lead at half-time, Wests dominated the rest of the game to score another three with Lane Cove defending desperately under pressure.

Greg Woods, battling against the 'flu in the first half, was replaced by Adrian Smit after the interval.

Lane Cove: Giannini; Carter, Aird; Cooper, Bertinetti, Nadj; Gamble, Coutts, Coombes, Mitchell, Carr.

Western Suburbs: Horri-gan, Bastion, Apostilidis; Holmes, Bijkerk (1), Whyte, Cassidy (2), Harrison, Pont (3), Woods (Smit), Nutley.

Balgownie v. Bankstown 2-0

Playing direct and determined football, Balgownie never allowed Bankstown to settle down and their splendid defence, led by Barry Salisbury, rendered the Bankstown forwards ineffective.

Bankstown, already playing with a few reserves, suffered more injuries and were weakened considerably.

Bankstown: Friedl; G. Jamieson, Fitzgerald; Attwood, Brack, McDermott; Turnbull, J. Jamieson, Bamforth, Madden, Clarke.

North Bankstown v. Granville 1-4

Fielding a reconstructed side, Granville were far too good for North Bankstown.

Granville were in complete command in the first half, but poor shooting in front of goal resulted in only a narrow lead at the break.

After the resumption, Granville scored again, but for a short period North Bankstown hit back to score a goal before Granville added two more goals near the end.

Granville: Sparkes; Pendleton, Staunton; Burtenshaw, Lorenzutta, Crelly, Dupont (1), H. Williams (1), Baaks (1), Tamandl (1), J. Sheppherd.

THIS WEEKEND

The highlight of this weekend's round is the clash between Western Suburbs and Auburn at Drummoyne Oval.

Wests are at the peak of their form while Auburn were hard pressed in recent matches, winning by the narrowest of margins. A draw is most likely in this vital match.

Bankstown tackle NS-Inter at Bankstown Centre, and despite injuries the home side should take both points.

In other matches, Sutherland should beat Lane Cove while Corinthians and Hornsby could play a draw.

Sydney second, third grades

SECOND GRADE

Canterbury 1: Lindsay; Eyre, Eldridge; Katsaros, Gordon, French; Como, Mashman (Seymour), Thompson, Harris, Wood (1).

South Coast 4: Ramage; Kerr, Newson; Sheppard, Grant, Kelly (1); Beattie (1), McLeod (2), Newman, Beard, Tolhurst.

Referee: N. Micos.
Yugal 0: Milojevic; Cirjanc, Josevski; Anastasi, Kresinger, Clancy; M. Andjic I, M. Andjic II, Bert, Jurisic, Glavan.

Prague 2: Earl; Loveday, McLaughlin; Parkhouse, Rootsey, Miner; Manuel, Lowry, Stevenson (Willcox, 1), M. Lissing (1), Reilly.

Referee: E. Truppe.
Manly 1: Dart; Hobart, Brown; Langelaar, Hutchinson, Stocks; Ripley (1), Bartlett, Parker, Maloney, R. Jones.

Pan Hellenic 3: Iro; Walker, Omeros; Mouthazis, Sparsis, Patrinos; J. Smith (Demos, 2), Vrolyks, Goumas, Bardetta, Gallacher (1).

Referee: E. Cook.
Hakoah 0: Wilson; Edwards, Sutherland; Migliaccio, Brown, Walsh; Spilarewicz, Jeffrey, Keddie, A. Reichard, Holleman.

Croatia 2: Easter; Stevenson, Stuart; Brian, Bonazza (Groll), Woods; Barboutis, Johnson, Sambrook (1), Frakes (1), Longmuir.

Referee: T. Scott.
Polonia 1: Fraser; Fryar, Tomaszewski; Dougan, Melish, Tansley; Hanly, Stuart, McAllister (1), Prokurat, McFadyen.

Melita Eagles 3: Spiteri; Hunter, Watts; A. Arrighi, Cooper, Edwards; Quesed, Price (2), R. Arrighi, Brennan, Nemet (1).